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August 16, 1985

Dee Gipson DRR Investments P.O. Box 244 Riverside, CA 95216

> Re: Major Donor Filing Requirement of Duane R. Roberts FPPC Advice No. A-85-133

Dear Ms. Gipson:

This is in reply to your letter dated May 23, 1985, which recently was referred to us by the Secretary of State's Political Reform Division.

The facts as I understand them from your letter are that Duane Roberts made a payment of \$10,000 to purchase tickets to a campaign fundraiser for Governor Deukmejian. Mr. Roberts was to be reimbursed for \$5,000 by other people who attended the fundraiser with him. In fact, at the time of your second inquiry to the Secretary of State, Mr. Roberts had received \$5,000 from four people.

You asked whether Mr. Roberts qualified as a committee under Gov. Code Section 82013(c) -- a "major donor committee" -- because of the \$10,000 contribution.

The Commission Staff has determined that when a person purchases tickets to a fundraising event, with the understanding that all or a portion of the cost of the tickets will be reimbursed by others, the person is not required to report the amount that will be reimbursed (and that amount does not count toward qualifying the person as a "committee"), as long as the person who purchased the tickets receives the reimbursement no later than the date of the fundraising event, or within 30 days of purchasing the tickets.

If payment is not received within this time period, the person must aggregate the full cost of the fundraising tickets with all other contributions he or she has made to determine whether he or she meets the definition of a committee and must file reports. The entire payment must be reported on the campaign statement required to be filed, and a note should be made to explain that the filer expects to receive reimbursement for a portion of the costs. At such time as the person receives reimbursement, a notation must be made on the next campaign statement, if any, filed for that calendar year to reflect the reimbursement.

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In addition, it is important to note that, at the time the tickets are purchased, the person making the payment must inform the candidate or committee on whose behalf the fundraiser is held that he or she is acting as an intermediary for others, and must provide the candidate or committee with the name, address, occupation and amount of contribution, of each person who made a commitment to purchase any portion of the tickets. If payment is not received pursuant to the time period described above, the person who made the payment must inform the candidate or committee that the entire contribution is from the person who made the payment. In such a case, the candidate or committee must amend its campaign disclosure statement to indicate the person who made the payment as the contributor for the entire amount.

Under the circumstances described in your letter, if Mr. Roberts received payment from the four people who attended the fundraiser with him no later than the date of the fundraising event or no later than 30 days after making the payment, he was not required to file a campaign statement as a major donor, since his own contributions did not total \$10,000 or more.

Please call me if you have any questions.

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D.A.R. INVESTMENTS
May 23, 1985 Second Alque
Political Reform Division P. O. box 1467 Sacramento, California 95807
RE: Reimbursement on a Contribution
To Whom It May Concern:
On the enclosed threshhold report, you will note on 5/6/85, Mr. Roberts made a \$10,000 contribution for a fund raiser to re-elect Governon George Deukmejian.
Of this \$10,000 contribution, Mr. Roberts is being reimbursed \$5,000 by others who are attending with him and will be at his table.
Our question is—how does this affect Mr. Roberts' major donor contribution form? He will really only be donating \$5,000 since he will be receiving \$5,000 back from those who attended with him.
An answer would greatly be appreciated so we will know how to handle the next report. As we are reimbursed, I will keep track and forward those dates and names for your reference (with next threshhold report, unless you need earlier).
Thanking you in advance for your response.
Sincerely, Lu Lipan
Dee Gipson Executive Secretary to Duane R. Roberts
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EXPENDITURE AND MAJOR DONOR COMMITTEE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

(Government Code Section 84200-84217)

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I have not received any contributions during this calendar year.

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